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Welcome to the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food's new Cottage Food Production Operation program. A recent statute passed by the Utah state legislature will now allow Utah residents to produce non-potentially hazardous food products in their homes and offer them for sale within the state.

The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) has developed a proposed rule which lays out the requirements for a home food producer. The proposed rule is available on the UDAF web site at <http://ag.utah.gov/>. We invite any public comments on the proposed rule; the contact information is below. A public hearing will be held at the UDAF on July 19, 2007 at 1:00 pm.

The earliest date at which the proposed rule can go into effect would be August 7, 2007. Application forms will be available starting in late July. In the meantime, however, those of you interested in starting a home-based food business can certainly start the process. Additional information is also available on the web site, or can be sent to you upon request.

To start on the road to home food production, you can begin by writing down your recipes and descriptions of your processes. These may need to be approved by a food process authority to confirm that they are not potentially hazardous. You can also begin working on correct labels to meet both Federal labeling requirements and the specific additional requirements for a home produced product.

Please contact me for further information, or to make comments on the proposed rule. I look forward to working with you as you start your new business.

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